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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6185

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, LE, SY

SUBJ: GALLAGHER AND DYKES

REF: BEIRUT 1194

1. CONSIDER THERE IS NO WAY BETWEEN NOW AND DEPARTURE OF FRANGIE-KARAME FOR BEIRUT TOMORROW AFTERNOON THAT I WILL BE ABLE CONTACT ASAD DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO PASS MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY BEIRUT CONCERNING GALLAGHER/DYKES.

2. AS ALTERNATIVE, PROPOSE I GO THROUGH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, WHOM I WILL BE SEEING IN CONNECTION MESSAGE CONTAINED STATE 27378. COULD TAKE THAT OCCASION EITHER REMIND PRESIDENT THROUGH HIS SECRETARY OF OUR PRESSING INTEREST IN GALLAGHER/DYKES' RELEASE OR, IF BEIRUT SUGGESTION APPROVED, DELIVER MESSAGE ON SUBJECT FROM SECRETARY.

3. HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT SHIHABI SINCE HIS RETURN HERE YESTERDAY WITH NO RESULTS. IF I MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM, WILL NATURALLY PRESS FOR HIS INTERVENTION ON GALLAGHER/DYKES.

4. STATE 028962 JUST RECEIVED. WILL CONTINUE SEEK CONTACT WITH SHIHABI.

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